



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Thomas L. Barkley et al : GROUP ART UNIT: 3641  
SERIAL NO: 09/863,795 :  
FILING DATE: May 23, 2001 : EXAMINER: P. Nelson  
TITLE: DETONATING CORD AND METHODS OF :  
MAKING AND USING THE SAME : ATTY DKT: P-1659-1

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This paper, which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, is responsive to the office action, designated "final", mailed June 19, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the claims, including the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 17-19, 24 and 25 and the amendment of claims 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 20, 21, 24-26 and 28, are made in the listing of claims submitted herewith.